

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In the application of |) | Group Art Unit 3754 |
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| Nick E. Ciavarella, et al. |) | Confirmation No. 2169 |
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| Title: UNIVERSAL COLLAR |) | |

RESPONSE I

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 2009, the Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.